

STORY OF BLOCKADE OF SOUTHERN PORTS

Interesting Chronicles in Official Records of War of Rebellion About to Be Issued by Navy Department.

Report of Capture of Jefferson Davis, Alexander H. Stephens, and Others. Destruction of a Blockade Runner.

Movements of the South Atlantic Blockading squadron from October 1, 1864, to August 8, 1865, and of the Gulf Blockading squadron from June 7 to December 15, 1861, are chronicled in the volume of official records of the Union and Confederate navies which Secretary Moody is about to issue.

Only official documents are included in the volume. There is no comment whatever, but many of the records are of unusual interest. The capture of Jefferson Davis is described in the following report made by Commander William Reynolds, of the United States Ship New Hampshire, to Rear Admiral J. A. Dahlgren:

"U. S. Ship New Hampshire, May 16, 1865.

"Sir: I have just had this information by signal from Hilton Head: Jeff Davis, wife, and three children; C. C. Clay and wife; Reagan, General Wheeler, several colonels and captains, Stephens (late Vice President), are now at Hilton Head, having been brought there from Savannah this afternoon. They were captured by thirty men, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, 120 miles south of Macon, Ga., at Irwinville. They had no escort, and made no resistance. Jeff looks much worn and troubled; so does Stephens. They go North in the Clyde as soon as she obtains rations. Capt. Jesse Merrill, Chief Signal Officer."

Orders are also printed for the Tuscarora to accompany the Clyde, upon which Mr. Davis and the other prisoners were, up the Potomac as far as the depth of water would permit.

Operations Around Charleston.

Operations about Charleston are outlined fully in the reports of the South Atlantic Squadron. Brief statements are included in the volume of the destruction of the British steamer Flora at Fort Moultrie, where she ran on a shoal while attempting to run the blockade and get into Charleston. William Ames, lieutenant colonel of the Third Rhode Island Artillery, chief of artillery of the Department of the South, made a report of the destruction of the vessel to Lieut. Thomas J. Robinson, acting adjutant general, as follows:

"Morris Island, S. C., Oct. 24, 1864. "Sir: I have the honor to report that at daylight, on October 23, a large, smoke-wheel iron steamer, with two smokestacks, was discovered ashore opposite Battery Rutledge, Sullivan's Island, she having run on a shoal at that point during the night. This vessel was painted a lead color, was very long, and appeared to be light draft. She was probably of seventy tons burden. The first shot fired at her was from the picket monitor. Fort Putnam opened at the same time with two 30-pound Parrotts, striking her at the quarter at the second shot.

Bombarding the Steamer.

"This was the first shot that struck the blockade runner from either army or navy. Battery Chatfield opened with a 300-pounder Parrott. The third shell from this gun passed through the starboard wheelhouse into the vessel and exploded, tearing the wheel and wheelhouse away, and breaking up a large portion of her works amidship. Fort Strong opened with three 100-pounders, striking her many times on the hull and on her decks. The navy also kept up a fire on the vessel from the two monitors, doing the steamer much damage."

All orders preliminary to the raising of the United States flag on Fort Sumter on April 14, 1865, are included in the volume. President Lincoln's order was that a national salute be given by every fort and battery which fired upon Fort Sumter on April 14, 1861, the date when the Stars and Stripes were lowered on the historic fort. It was also requested in the order of President Lincoln that Henry Ward Beecher be one of the speakers at the raising of the flag.

Destruction of Vessels.

The destruction of the United States steamer Petasco by a torpedo in Charleston harbor, the capture of the United States steamer Dai Ching, the destruction of the Harvest in Winyah Bay, and many other events of importance in the naval warfare along the South Atlantic coast are among the subjects discussed in the exhaustive reports.

Operations of the Gulf blockading squadron treated in the reports from June 7 to December 15, 1861, relate chiefly to engagements along the mouth of the Mississippi. The Massachusetts was the most active of the Federal vessels in the Gulf at that time and many of its engagements are described.

WIRE TRUST CHARGES.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 5.—Another charge is said to be impending in the executive headquarters of the American Steel and Wire Company. This time it will be the removal of the general offices from Chicago to Pittsburgh, or possibly Cleveland. It will bring the entire executive forces to one of the two cities, including the auditing and accounting departments, treasurer's office, and the office of the president.

EDWARDS BICENTENNIAL.

ANDOVER, Mass., Oct. 5.—Services in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Jonathan Edwards began at the Andover Theological Seminary yesterday. Public exercises will be held at the seminary this afternoon and evening, when several prominent Congregationalists will be heard.

COLONIES TO FAVOR OLD COUNTRY EXPORTS

South African States Drawing Close to United Kingdom.

"The Canadian plan of preferential tariffs in favor of Great Britain and the British colonies is now being adopted in the British colonies of South Africa," says the daily consular report issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor. "The Canadian parliament in 1897 passed an act giving to the merchandise imported from the United Kingdom and certain British colonies a reduction of 25 per cent in the rates of duty, one-half of that reduction to go immediately into effect, and the other half to go into effect July 1, 1898. In 1900 this law was so amended as to make the total reduction of tariff on goods from the United Kingdom and certain British colonies 33-1/3 per cent, and this law now governs in the importation of goods into Canada. Under the law the importation of merchandise from the United Kingdom increased from \$32,979,742 in the fiscal year 1896 to \$56,000,000 in the fiscal year 1903.

"This general principle is now to be applied in the British colonies in South Africa. At a conference of representatives of the various colonies and territories of South Africa at Bloemfontein, South Africa, a form of tariff was recommended which gives to merchandise from the United Kingdom and the British colonies lower rates of duty than those imposed upon like articles from other countries. This plan was recommended to the various colonies, and their legislative bodies have, one by one, assented to it, until it has now been adopted and put into operation in Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal, Orange River Colony, Rhodesia, Basutoland, and Bechuanaland, or, in other words, all British territory in South Africa."

What the effect of this preferential tariff will be upon the exports of goods from the United States to British South Africa is not yet known.

SHARP SERVANT FOILED A BOGUS ELECTRICIAN

Charges Chief of Police With Sunday Tipping.

A second attempt at burglary was made yesterday by the crook posing in this city as an electrician. This time Dr. G. M. Brambaugh was the intended victim. The doctor had just gone out to make a professional call, when a neat-looking man rang the door bell and told the servant he had come to inspect the burglar wires.

The house at 905 Massachusetts Avenue northwest, where the physician resides, is equipped with burglar wires, but they were not in working order. The maid demanded to know if the stranger had a note from the doctor, and on being told no, declined to admit him, whereupon he departed. Dr. Brambaugh had not sent the man.

The police are convinced this is the same man who obtained admission to the house of Dr. I. S. Stone, of 1613 Rhode Island Avenue on the same excuse, and obtained therefrom a quantity of valuable jewelry. Detectives have been detailed, and are on the trail of the bogus electrician.

KNIGHTS TO CELEBRATE LANDING OF COLUMBUS

The discovery of America will be commemorated on October 12 by local councils of the Knights of Columbus. A smoker will be given at Rauscher's, and many novel features of entertainment are to be provided by the committee having the affair in charge. This committee consists of A. D. Wilkinson, chairman; W. B. Daley, vice chairman; George T. Kolb, secretary; Thomas K. Gallaher, treasurer; George H. Ogilvie, Jr., W. Lonn, H. B. Merritt, E. J. Maloy, sr., George H. Barry, James Hayes, Harry F. Severn, James B. Fitzpatrick, J. Floyd Maloy, J. A. Meyers, D. A. Edward, W. H. Callahan, J. M. Kirby, John Felix, and John Zable.

NEW TWO-CENT STAMP SOON TO BE ISSUED

A new 2-cent postage stamp will soon be issued by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to take the place of the present. It will bear a different portrait of Washington, and instead of the flags at either side of the head, will have, in the background, the American shield in red and white. The present stamp has been severely criticized. Postmaster General Payne believes the new stamp will be more favorably received.

MASSSES IN HONOR OF POPE PIUS' ELEVATION

Two masses of thanksgiving for the election of the new Pope were celebrated yesterday, one at St. Dominic's Church, and another at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. Special musical programs were sung at the solemn high masses. These celebrations will be observed in all the Catholic churches of Washington by order of Cardinal Gibbons.

HOMEWARD BOUND MISSION.

The Ralston family, from Indiana, will have charge of the Gospel service at 119 Pennsylvania Avenue, tonight. They have with them a boy, twelve years old, who will preach; also a little girl, nine years old, who will sing. They are assisted by Ida Carron, also from Indiana. They have started from their State to the jungles of Africa, and hold open air meetings nightly. One of these will be held at Second Street tonight.

WORLD'S GEOGRAPHERS TO MEET IN CONGRESS

Scientists Will Assemble in Washington Next September—An Elaborate Program.

Distinguished geographers from all parts of the world will assemble in Washington early next September to take part in the eighth international geographic congress. The preliminary sessions of the convention, lasting about ten days, will be held here, and at the expiration of that time the delegates will begin a tour of the country by railroad. The trip is provisionally planned to include an excursion to Mexico, and thence to points of interest in the United States.

Upon the local geographic society has devolved the work of arranging for this great congress. Plans for the reception and entertainment of the delegates are now under consideration, and the program is gradually assuming shape. A preliminary announcement will soon be issued to officers and members of societies in all countries.

Assurances of a large attendance have already been received by Dr. J. H. McCormick, secretary of the Washington society. Two thousand delegates, more than attended the seventh international congress in Berlin, 1899, are expected. About 100 or more societies will be represented.

The scientific sessions of the congress are to be held in Washington. Five different languages will be used in conducting the meetings, with English and French predominating. German, Spanish, and Italian will also be spoken, and the delegates unable to understand the addresses other than those in their native tongue will be supplied with resumes of the speeches printed in their own language.

One of the most important questions to be brought up will be the proposition to establish a systematic method

of teaching geography throughout the world. Foreign specialists on this subject, as well as a number of Americans, will be called upon to discuss the plan, and there is every reason to believe a universal method will be agreed upon.

Daily bulletins, published in all five languages, will be issued while the scientific sessions are under way, to relieve the complications arising from the representation of so many nationalities. These documents will contain a synopsis of all the addresses.

After the local meetings have been completed, the delegates will board special trains for the trans-continental journey. Social sessions are to be held in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Chicago, with a final meeting in St. Louis, in conjunction with the World's Congress of Science and Arts.

In the different cities the delegates will be met by local representatives, who will then assume the responsibility of entertaining them. The journey to Mexico and Canada will be taken after the joint session in St. Louis. The entire congress is scheduled to last about five weeks.

Details of the program are now in the hands of a committee of arrangements, consisting of Dr. W. J. McGee, vice president National Geographic Society, chairman; John Joy Edson, president Washington Loan and Trust Company, treasurer, and Dr. J. H. McCormick, secretary. The office of the committee is in Hubbard Memorial Hall, Washington, where communications may be addressed.

The local committee of the National Geographic Society is composed of Dr. W. J. McGee, chairman; Charles J. Bell, John Joy Edson, Dr. David T. Day, Dr. G. K. Gilbert, Dr. Marcus Baker, Gifford Pinchot, and Dr. J. H. McCormick.

SCOTTISH PEERESS IS A PHILANTHROPIST

Lady Campbell Aids Poor of Tiree Island.

EDINBURGH, Oct. 5.—Lady Victoria Campbell, the youngest sister of the Duke of Argyll, who is at present sojourning in the island of Tiree, has manifested since her girlhood a warm interest in the social condition of the people around her.

Her works of philanthropy are mainly confined to her brother's extensive estates at Inverary, Kintyre, Rose of Mull, Iona and Tiree, but until quite recently she was greatly hampered in carrying out her labor of love on account of her defective knowledge of the language of the people.

Having procured the services of a retired schoolmaster, Lady Victoria strenuously set herself to overcome this serious disadvantage, and her constant intercourse with the people having furnished her with ample conversational practice, she may now be said to have mastered "the Gaelic" by no means a simple accomplishment.

VOLUNTEERS RUSHING TO LEBAUDY'S STANDARD

Anxious to Be Subjects of the Sahara Emperor.

GENEVA, Oct. 5.—Montreux has been pervaded with empire fever since a visit from M. Jacques Lebaudy, the "Emperor of the Sahara," was announced.

The story of M. Lebaudy's ambition to found a new empire has traveled wide, as have also rumors of fabulous salaries that he is said to have promised to anyone willing to join him in his enterprise. As a result, peasants are flocking into the district from long distances in the hope of becoming "his majesty's" loyal subjects.

The men are coming in carrying bundles and scythes and other agricultural implements, and their wives and children accompany them to share their fortune in the "Sahara empire."

Y. M. C. A. SECRETARIES ADDRESS YOUNG MEN

E. G. Wilson and G. W. Baldinger, secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., conducted the meeting for men at the association building yesterday, and at the conclusion of the services were introduced to all the young men present.

Mr. Baldinger had charge of the meeting. He read the Scriptural lesson and introduced Mr. Wilson, who spoke on the different views from which a man is judged. He called attention to the various views obtained of Niagara Falls, when viewed from different points, and compared it to the view taken of a man's actions. His talk was filled with interest to all the young men present.

EARTHQUAKE AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 5.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt in Carondelet, the southern part of the city, at 8:55 o'clock last night. The seismic disturbance lasted about one minute, and caused alarm among the citizens. At the same time a slight shock was felt in the western portion of the city.

ARCHBISHOP KAIN BETTER.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 5.—The physicians in attendance upon Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis report that he is much improved though his condition does not warrant the hope that he will entirely recover.

VACANCY ON THE BENCH HANDICAPS THE COURT

Justice Hagner's Successor Needed at Once.

BLAME THE PRESIDENT

Legal Fraternity Say He Should Have Acted Long Ago—Delay Certain.

The October term of the Supreme Court of the District begins tomorrow. As was the case a year ago, however, the transaction of business in all branches of the court is going to be handicapped, because the President has not made an appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Justice Hagner.

The records in the office of the clerk of the court show there has been an increase over last year in litigation in all branches of the court. The want of a full bench, therefore, is sure to be felt most severely, particularly in the criminal branch of the court.

On the docket is a large number of murder cases ready for trial, besides the Postoffice cases, which all concerned are anxious to have brought to an early hearing. With the bench in one branch of the Criminal Court vacant it will be practically impossible to hasten the trial of criminal cases.

There are four murder cases already prepared for trial, and it is the wish of District Attorney Beach to have one or two of these called within a short time after the beginning of the term. Besides the capital cases there are half a hundred or more of an important character. So taking it all in all the prospects are that the coming term of court will be the busiest held in the District for many years.

THE KAISER'S REVIEW WAS A COSTLY AFFAIR

Roads Were Built Regardless of Intervening Obstacles

BERLIN, Oct. 5.—The recent review by the Kaiser of one of the four army corps which will take part in the forthcoming maneuvers near Erfurt was a very costly affair.

The military authorities rented 100 acres of land for a whole year at a cost of \$41.25 per acre, and spent several months in leveling and otherwise preparing the ground.

A new road for the approach of the troops was made for a distance of three miles straight across the country, regardless of obstacles.

There was no station near the scene of the review, so a new one was erected for the special use of the Kaiser on this occasion. The station is an imposing building, and must have cost a large sum to build. Having served its purpose for a day, it will be demolished.

Another new road was constructed from this station to the review ground for the use of the Kaiser. The road is forty feet wide, and was constructed in spite of formidable obstacles.

FIVE MEN PREDICT THEIR DEATH IN YEAR

Remarkable Compact in Germany Is Fulfilled.

BERLIN, Oct. 5.—A remarkable compact on the part of five young Germans to die within a year has just been fulfilled at the village of Lichtenfels, near Augsburg.

Eleven months ago the young men, who were all particularly jovial in temperament and of powerful build, were drinking in a local tavern with the village cemetery keeper. "We agree to place ourselves in your hands for burial within a year," was their half-joking pledge to the gravedigger. Four of them died natural deaths before the expiration of six months. Last week the fifth was entombed.

MANILA JUDGE STIRS UP TROUBLE ON HIGH BALLS

Refused to Admit Suspicious Stranger Who Called.

The municipal board of Manila has been called upon to determine whether Chief of Police Harding drank lemonade or Scotch high balls on Sundays at the Hotel Oriente.

Judge Liddell, who presides over one of the city courts, claims that Scotch was the tippie, and charges the chief with violating the Sunday law. Chief Harding asserts that he is a teetotaler and, just to make things interesting for Judge Liddell, demands that he prove his word and the Scotch. The board to whom Harding appealed thought that it was only fair for the judge to do so, and, therefore, put it up to him.

Judge Liddell started the case by making a remark that hurt Harding's feelings. It was in the trial of a man named Williams, charged with violating the Sunday ordinances. He said the police were in the habit of arresting the "little fellows" and allowing the big liquor sellers in the hotels go free, adding that Harding himself was a frequent patron of the Oriente bar on the Lord's Day.

THE CZAR DUPED BY A TRICK PHOTOGRAPH

Unique Scheme of Nicholas to Procure Reform Is Thwarted by His Officials.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 5.—The Czar is certainly trying hard to introduce reforms in his empire. He has now ordered that every criminal sent to Sachalin be photographed for him at the time of arrest, upon his arrival on the island, and every three months afterwards until he returns home. Thus Nicholas wants to learn whether his orders against shaving half the head and against the application of the knout are carried out.

This album is now being prepared by

the minister of the interior. The pictures taken at the time of arrest generally show a poorly nourished, shy and brutal individual. In the next photo, however (arrival at Sachalin), the unhappy person looks contented, and in the third and fourth he has put on flesh, looking as happy and prosperous as a farmer owning 500 acres, free of mortgage, and having \$10,000 in the bank.

Evidently Russian officials have brought "trick" photography to a high state of perfection, and the Czar will be as wise as before.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY STATES

MARYLAND.

The work of excavating at the Cumberland end of the Wabash connecting link to be built to Cherry Run will begin today near North Branch, four miles east of Cumberland, where Mr. Elmore is subcontractor. Between Cumberland and Little Orleans there are over 400 men ready to go to work.

Josiah R. Marken, aged seventy-eight years, died last evening in Frederick of general debility. He was born in Wolfsville, Frederick county, October 4, 1825, and came to the city in 1859. He was a well-known photographer, but retired from business some years ago.

Daniel Tracey, of Foxville, was shot in the left hip Saturday night and seriously wounded while walking home with his brother, Peter Tracey, from Smithsburg. When they reached Bull Tail Valley, in the mountains, about three miles east of Smithsburg, on their way home, Daniel Tracey was shot, he claims, by some one in ambush.

John Foutz, of Allegany Mines, while attempting to escape from Constable Owen England, of Frostburg, was shot in the leg by the constable. The bullet entered the back of the leg just below the hip and, striking the bone, lodged under the skin in the front of the leg. Foutz was wanted for two months for beating his wife and daughter, but had eluded the officers.

Commodore John D. S. Dickerson, of the New York Yacht Club, who purchased a riparian farm above Cambridge last winter, has filed in court his declaration of becoming a citizen of Maryland.

Thomas Ertler, aged twenty years, son of Charles E. Ertler, who resided on Edward Hobb's farm, one and a half miles north of Liberty, Frederick county, was found dead in his room about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a bullet hole in his right jaw.

The Westernport and Lonaconing Electric Railway from Lonaconing to Reynolds, formerly Morrisons Mills, has been accepted from the contractors and cars will run on regular schedule, beginning today, connecting with the Cumberland and Westernport line at Lonaconing.

INDEPENDENT RECHABITES ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

Eastern Tent, No. 35, female branch, Independent Order of Rechabites, gave an open meeting to their friends Friday night at Rechabite Hall, 304 B Street southeast. The "Old Maids Convention" was given by members of the order and their friends. The convention was interspersed with dialogues and songs, a piano solo by Miss Bessie Hardy, and remarks in behalf of the order by Brother John R. Mahoney.

The meeting was in charge of Sisters S. E. Hisey, chairman; Agnes Padgett, Mabel Boswell, Tillie Wynkoop, M. E. Salkeld.

Refreshments were served by Brother W. Boswell, Sisters Boswell and Retter.

VIRGINIA.

The resignation of the Rev. Dr. George Cooper as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, was accepted yesterday, to take effect January 1. A committee will be appointed next Sunday to recommend Dr. Cooper's successor. The Rev. Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, Ky., will probably be called. Other names most talked of are Dr. Truett, of Texas, and Dr. Whitman, formerly president of Cumberland University.

The historic old Swan Tavern, on Broad Street, Richmond, between Eighth and Ninth, is being torn down to make way for a modern building. In its day it was one of the famous hotels of the country.

No arrests were made yesterday in connection with the murder of J. A. Scott, the Richmond confectioneer, who was shot in his store Friday night. The coroner's jury spent a large part of the day investigating the matter. The police say they have a clue, but are not ready to act.

Frank, Edward, and Charles Allen, three brothers, aged, respectively, five, seven and nine years, were engaged with other playmates in a sham battle near Norton, Wise county, late Saturday afternoon. The youngest of the trio obtained his father's gun, it is said, and shot his two brothers, both being probably mortally wounded. They cannot recover, physicians say. Edward had both his eyes shot out by the load, which struck him squarely in the fact.

The granting of a liquor license to Capt. Webb Smith, of Sharps, by Judge A. T. Embrey, of Fredericksburg, has created widespread comment in the counties along the lower Rappahannock. In the majority of the counties bordering on the river local option laws prevail.

W. M. Massey, the gypsy who has been on trial in the Staunton county court for the last five days, charged with murdering his wife last winter, was convicted. He was sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary.

The Academy of St. Vincent's Parish, a school for girls at Newport News, was dedicated yesterday by Bishop Van de Vyver, of Richmond. The cost of the building was \$11,000. It is a creditable structure.

PORTRAITS OF SPEAKERS HUNG IN HOUSE LOBBY

Oil and crayon portraits of the former Speakers of the House are being hung upon the walls of the House lobby, at the Capitol.

The list includes about forty, ranging from D. A. Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania, Speaker of the First Congress, to David B. Henderson of Iowa, and is believed to be complete with one single exception. The picture of Nathaniel Mason, of North Carolina, who was Speaker of the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Congresses, is missing, because, in spite of the most painstaking search, no likeness of him could be found.

Under the direction of Supt. Elliott Woods, all the art treasures in the Capitol have been cleaned and many of the pictures re-framed.

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